

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated March 14, 2005. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 8-30, 37-59 and 63-69 will remain pending in this application. Claims 16-30 and 44-59 are withdrawn. Claims 1-7, 31-36, and 60-62 are canceled. The amendments to the claims are supported by the specification and original claims. The claim amendments result in one independent claim in excess of the three and therefore a check in the amount of \$200 is submitted with this paper. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's express indication that claims 8-14, 37-43, 63-69 contain allowable subject matter. While these claims were objected to, the Examiner indicated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of their base claims and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have amended claims 8, 37, 63, and 67 as suggested by the Examiner. These claims are thus believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 9-14 all ultimately depend from claim 8, claims 38-43 all ultimately depend from claim 37, claims 64 and 65 both ultimately depend from claim 62, and claims 68 and 69 both ultimately depend from claim 67. These claims are thus also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Moreover, since claims 1-7, 31-36 and 60-62 all have been canceled, the rejections based on 353 U.S.C. 103(a) are moot.

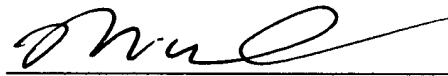
Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment and the above remarks obviate the outstanding objection and rejections in this case, thereby placing the application in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this filing, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033035.086.

If an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is necessary that is not accounted for herewith, such an extension is requested. The extension fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033035.086.

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